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Docket No.: 725.1151

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroki TAKAOKA, et al.

Serial No. 10/045,664

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Confirmation No.

Filed: January 15, 2002

Examiner: Unassigned

For: VEHICLE INFORMATION PROVIDING APPARATUS, VEHICLE INFORMATION PROVIDING METHOD, COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND COMPUTER READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM

**PETITION TO RESTART PREVIOUSLY SET PERIOD FOR REPLY  
DUE TO LATE RECEIPT OF AN OFFICE ACTION: MPEP 710.06**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

A USPTO "Cover Letter For Resending Correspondence" dated February 6, 2003 was received by applicant's designated attorneys on February 10, 2003. This USPTO letter enclosed a copy of an Office Action (Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application) dated April 4, 2002 in the subject application but was never received at the correspondence address of the undersigned firm having Power of Attorney in the subject application, until the USPTO Letter dated February 6, 2003 was received on February 13, 2003. This Petition requests that the previously set period for response be restarted from the date of receipt of the Office Action at the correspondence address of the undersigned firm, in accordance with MPEP 710.06 and parts (A) through (C)(2) thereof.

In accordance with part (A), this Petition is filed within two (2) weeks of the date of receipt of the Office Action at the correspondence address, i.e., February 24, 2003.

In accordance with part (B), the delay occupied a substantial portion of the set reply period (e.g., at least 1 month of a 2 or 3month reply period had already elapsed as of the date of receipt).

In accordance with part (C)(1), a copy of the "Office action having the date of receipt of the Office action at the correspondence address stamped thereon is attached as evidence showing the date of receipt of the Office action at the correspondence address."

In accordance with part (C)(2) and pursuant to the usual mail processing procedures of the firm, incoming mail is delivered to the Office Services section of the firm. The mail is then opened by file clerk(s) of the firm who distribute the opened mail to specified firm personnel. All mail from the USPTO is distributed to the Docketing Department.

In the Docketing Department, the Docketing Manager, Victor DelRio, personally date stamps, and/or supervises the date stamping of, each item of mail and the entry of the identification of each item of mail and the due date of response thereto into the automated docketing system of the firm. The mail is then distributed to the firm attorney having responsibility for the involved matter. The documents from the Docketing records and from Docketing Manager indicates lack of receipt of the original Office Action dated April 4, 2002.

By this Petition, the undersigned attorney for applicant(s) requests that the previously set period for reply be reset to run one (1) month from the mailing date of the Office Action of February 6, 2003, i.e., until March 6, 2003. The appropriate Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts with executed Declaration is also filed concurrently herewith.


If any fees are required in connection with the filing of this Petition, please charge same to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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